be taken in the direction of the Common School System. The Neighborhood School Concept is one of the necessary steps to be taken for realisation of this goal. The Government would like to bring the existing schools under the Neighbourhood School Concept with a view to effecting egalitarianism in school education.

Lowering the growth rate target.

1562. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have planned to lower the growth rate target to 2.5 per cent contrary to Planning Commission's announcement of 3 per cent; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what targets have been stipulated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLIMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): a) No, Sir. The Approach to Eighth Plan stipulates a growth rate of 5.5 percent.

(b) Does not arise.

Charges levelled by the former Deputy Prime Minister against Cabinet colleagues regarding involvement in Bofors gun deal

1563. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the former Deputy Prime Minister has recently levelled charges against two of his Cabinet colleagues in connection with their involvement in Bofors deal;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to probe through the CBI the alleged involvement of those Ministers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what further action Government propose to take on the charges levelled by the former Deputy Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) to (d) The former Deputy Prime Minister wrote to the Prime Minister on 15-7-1990 about irregularities, not connected with the Bofors deal, allegedly committed by certain Union Ministers. The Prime Minister requested the former Deputy Prime Minister to substantiate the allegations and to send him all the documents on which these based. The Prime Minister assured the former Deputy Prime Minister that all evidence sent by him would be expeditiously and impartially scrutinised and processed.

The former Deputy Prime Minister wrote back to the Prime Minister on the 22nd July, 1990. While not substantiating the allegations he had made, he stated that there were some stories in circulation which he thought were based on rumours and misinformation, planted by some interested sections. He added that these stories had gained credibility with him because of a letter which Shri V. P. Singh had written, in November 1987, to the President of India on the Bofors gun deal in which Shri V. P. Singh had allegedly referred to one of the Ministers presently in the Cabinet. Immediately on receiving this letter, the Prime Minister requested the former Deputy Prime Minister to send him the letter allegedly wrtiten by him. The former Deputy Prime Minister sent the Prime Minister a photostat copy of the alleged letter. The Prime Minister immediately ordered an enquiry by the CBI. A preliminary verification by the CBI has indicated that the letter is a fabrication.

Thereafter, the Prime Minister wrote a detailed letter to the former Deputy Prime Minister, explaining to him that the letter referred to in para 2 was a total fabrication.

Government have also seen an interview given by the former Deputy Prime Minister to the Illustrated Weekly of India of 29th July, 1990 in which he has been quoted as suggesting that one of the Cabinet Ministers was involved in the Bofors deal. The Prime Minister thereupon, requested the then Deputy Prime Minister to substantiate his allegations, pointing out that he had not done so in respect of his earlier allegations as well, so far. The former Deputy Prime Minister has not substantiated his charges.

सरकारी क्षेत्र के उद्योगों की रुग्णता का रोका जाना

1564. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**

सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने सरकारी उद्यम ब्यूरो से सरकारी क्षेत्र के उद्योगों को बढ़ती रुग्णता को रोकने के लिए सुझाव देने के लिए कहा था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार को ब्यूरो से इस संबंध में कोई सुझाव प्राप्त हुए हैं, यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उक्त सुझावों के कार्यान्वियन के लिए कोई ठोस योजना बनाई है ; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भाभ्ये गोबर्धन) : (क) से (ग) केन्द्रीय सरकारी क्षेत्र के उद्यमों में रुग्णता का अध्ययन करना एक सतत प्रक्रिया है जो सम्बद्ध प्रशासनिक मंत्रालय विभाग द्वारा सरकारी उद्यम विभाग के परामर्श से किया जाता है उनके पुनर्स्थापित/पुनः सक्रिय करने के लिए विशिष्ट प्रस्तावों को अन्तिम रूप दिया जाता है तथा अलग-अलग उद्यम के आधार पर अपेक्षित उपाय शुरु किये जाते हैं।

निरक्षरों की बढ़ती संख्या

1565. **श्री कपिल वर्मा :**

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :

क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह सच है कि विगत पंद्रह वर्षों में निरक्षरों की संख्या में तेजी से वृद्धि हुई है; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिमन भाई मेहता) : देश में साक्षरता के आंकड़े दशाब्दिक जनगणना अभियानों द्वारा एकत्रित किये जाते हैं। 1981 में हुई पिछली जनगणना के अनुसार देश में सभी आयु वर्गों में कुल निरक्षरों की संख्या 42,42,56,000 थी। 1991 में अगली जनगणना के बाद ही इस समय निरक्षरों की संख्या का पता चलेगा।

देश में संस्थानों विश्वविद्यालयों द्वारा संचालित अवैध पाठयक्रम

1566. **श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :**

श्री कपिल वर्मा :

क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग ने देश भर में अनेक संस्थानों और विश्वविद्यालयों में पढ़ाए जा रहे अनेक पाठयक्रमों को अवैध होना पाया है और लोगों को ऐसे संस्थानों में प्रवेश लेने और उनके द्वारा भ्रमित किये जाने के प्रति सावधान किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे संस्थानों और विश्वविद्यालयों की सूची क्या है और वे कब से चल रहे हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ऐसे संस्थानों और विश्वविद्यालयों को मान्यता प्रदान करने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(घ) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान दिल्ली में ऐसे संस्थानों में कितने विद्यार्थियों ने प्रवेश लिया है और सरकार द्वारा ऐसे